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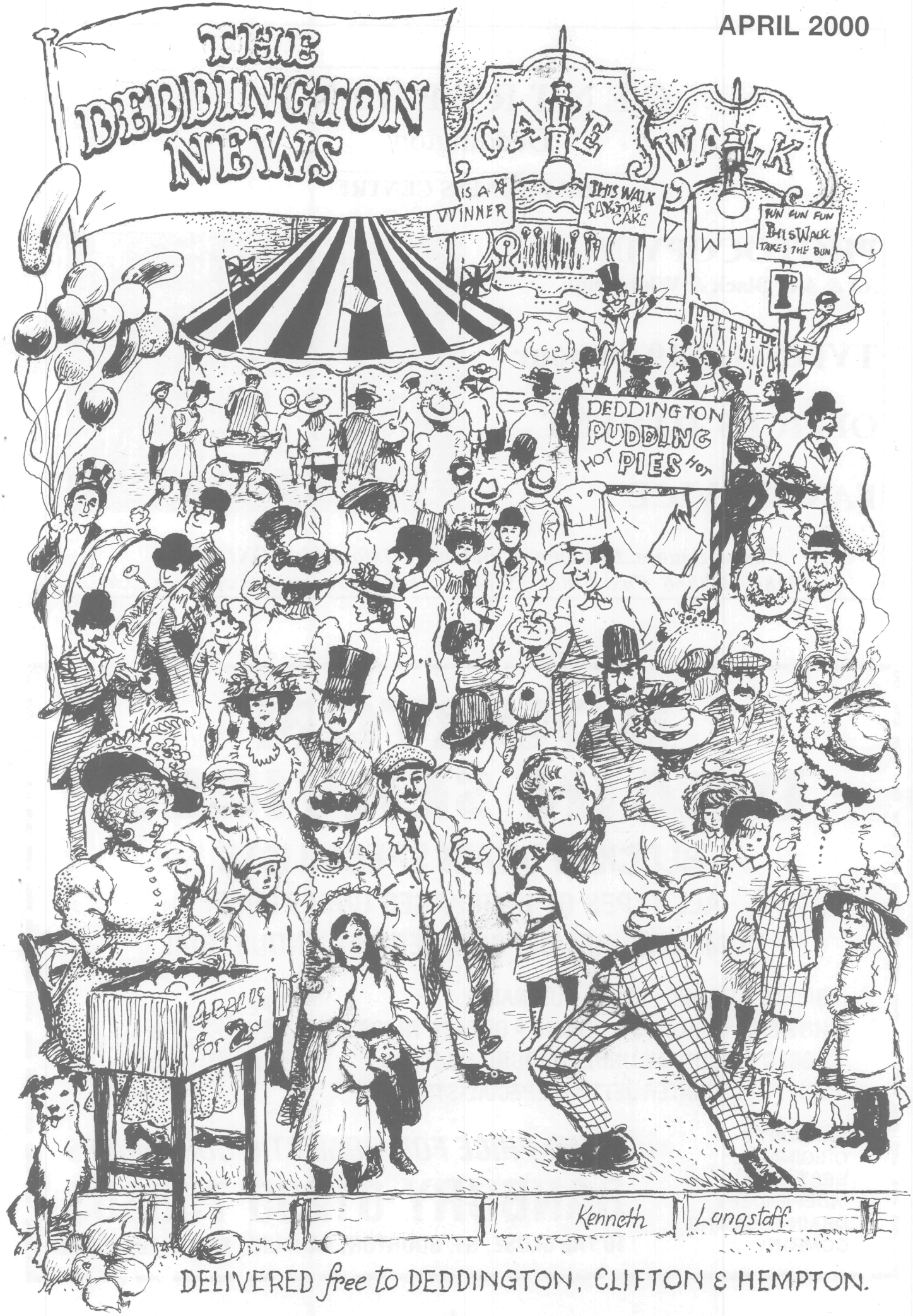


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**APRIL 2000**


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## EDITORIAL

Several subjects clamour for attention this month. There's some consternation about proposed changes to the old Deddington Saleroom shop front. People have been telephoning. The matter is mentioned in both the Postbag and the PC Report. Jim Bell explains why, as he says, The Carnival is Over. But other Millennium-related events like MADD Week (in aid of Katharine House Hospice) and the Daeda's Wood picnic are on track and the new Cemetery Gate will be officially opened on April 11.

When key people leave, there's an initial sense of unease. Can such people be replaced ? Will things be as good in future? This Easter we lose the Revd. Ken Reeves after his ten years with the Parish. Peter Goringe, Headteacher of the Primary School for almost five years, also officially leaves. But a strong community makes its own luck and it's a tribute to Ken and Peter, who have done so much to shape the community, that we can realistically hope for successors who will bring comparable talents to the Parish. There are warm tributes to Ken for his pastoral work, and to Peter, in this issue.The Parish Church celebrates Ken's Ministry at the end of this month.

Alan Humphries' suggestion (see article) that we try to identify those who are Parish born and bred is more than an intriguing notion. There's social history to be discovered here. The DN team is prepared for the telephone calls. There is also an inimitable article from Frank Steiner and the updated Good Neighbours Group is published this month. Many thanks to Jean Flux for co-ordinating the information and to all those who give their time to the scheme.

It would be easier to proof-read DN copy in approved, cold-eyed editor fashion, were the copy not so interesting and entertainingly written. I become absorbed, forget to use the editorial pencil – and then have to start again. All other readers are so fortunate in our regular contributors. Kristin Thompson

*Fridays: Coffee morning in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10 – 12.* ***Except:*** *last Friday on alternate months when the meeting will be at St John's, Hempton – April 28 and June 30.*

*Fridays: Babies and Toddler Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30 - 11.30 am.*

*Fridays: British Legion, Prize bingo and " Play Your Cards Right" at 8 pm.*

**APRIL DIARY**

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| Sun | 2 | Deddington Scouts and Guides: cake stall in Parish Church on Mothering Sunday. |
| Mon | 3 | Monday Morning Club: Coffee Morning, The Holly Tree, 10 am- noon. |
| Wed | 5 | Deddington Ladies, The Holly Tree, 8 pm. |
| Thu | 6 | Deddington Beeches Bowls Club. Pre-season meeting. 7.30 pm. Windmill Centre (p.6) |
| Sat | 8 | Deddington Scouts & Guides:open afternoon, 2.30-4, followed by evening disco, Windmill. (p 7) |
| Mon | 10 | Church Annual Meeting, Parish Church, 7.30 pm |
| Tue | 11 | Opening ceremony for new cemetery gate, The Cemetery, 4.30 pm |
| Tue | 11 | WI: Beverley Chambers, *Interior Design*, The Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. |
| Tue | 11 | Deddington Players AGM, The Windmill Centre, 8 pm. |
| Wed | 12 | Friendship Club: A debate led by Mr. Paul Sullivan, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm. |
| Wed | 12 | Deddington History Society, S Stradling, *The Franklins of Deddington*, Windmill, 7.30 pm (p.6) |
| Thu | 13 | Deddington School end of term service, Parish Church, 9.30 am. |
| Tue | 18 | Monday Morning Club; bus for *Captain Corelli's Mandolin* leaves Market Place at 5.10 pm. |
| Wed | 19 | Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm |
| Sat | 22 | Easter Treasure Hunt. |
| Sat | 22 | British Legion: *Out of the Blue* (Live music), 8.45 pm. |
| Tue | 25 | **COPY DATE FOR MAY DEDDINGTON NEWS.** |
| Tue | 25 | Deddington Town Football Club. Reserve Side final, at Broughton & N. Newington 6pm. (p.7) |

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## DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Note of meeting on March 15 2000

Attended by: Cllrs Flux (Chair), Bell, Clarke, Clinch, Cosgrove, Cox, Davies, Hill, Swash, Todd, the Clerk, C/Cllr Matthews and 6 members of the public.

10-MINUTE OPEN FORUM

Walter Meagher and Mr. Farley addressed the meeting on behalf of Hopcraft Lane residents, objecting to request for extended opening hours for new businesses at Liggins Thomas.

LOW COST HOUSING

Clerk confirmed that successful applicants had village connections of five years or more. Final prices still to be confirmed. Plan for related street lighting includes 2 lights on Hempton Road, one by Windmill Store which has been long wanted.

GROUND MAINTENANCE AND WEEDKILLING

(a) Complete Weed Control estimate for Deddington (2 treatments) is £440 +VAT. Accepted, pending inclusion of estimate for main roads to Clifton and Hempton. (b) Cutting Verges. John Boss' estimate of £5,138 accepted, within 30 mile limit signs. (c) Design Grow estimate of £7,226.50 accepted for sports areas and Castle Grounds. First cut for Castle Grounds to be delayed until growth is stronger.

CLIFTON FOOTPATH

Cllr Davies. Repairs should include provision for cyclists. OCC is most hopeful source of financial support and information should be available around end 2000. Chair and C/Cllr Matthews stressed importance of keeping up pressure on OCC.

WORKING GROUPS

Recreation and Grants. (a) No financial assistance needed to offset cost of Songs of Century Concert. (b) Youth Club - Video Project. PC will not ask for any return on £500 underwriting of scheme should it becomes necessary.

Finance and General Purposes. (a) County Council architects have visited Deddington Library premises. A future meeting is envisaged. New book order has been sent off. Government has promised OCC an extra £190,000 to offset library cuts. Deddington could benefit in April, 2002.

Planning and Property. (a) Request for increased working hours at Liggins Thomas offices in Hopcraft Lane. (Cllr Todd declared an interest and withdrew from discussion.) Council not in favour. This is a residential area and residents' views must be considered. (8 letters objecting sent to to LPA). (b) Deddington Salerooms. (i) Change of use from A1 Retail to B1 Offices approved by LPA. (ii) Development plans under discussion include 2 extra parking places, demolition of current shop front and restoration of cottage elevation to match adjacent frontage. (c) Earl's Lane Farm Development. 3 new garages now planned. (d) Deddington Arms. New side window approved. (e) Old Farm House, New Street. Permission for rear extension refused by LPA. (f) Craxtons, Castle St. Felling of existing tree approved. To be replaced.

Millennium (a) Millennium Quiz Night, March 18 cancelled. Insufficient support. (b) Treasure Hunt, Easter Saturday. On course. Cost: £2.50 per head. (c) MADD Week, May 13-20. PC to underwrite running costs up to £500. (d) Carnival, July 15. Cancelled, insufficient support. Chair thanked Group for their hard work and asked for support for Primary School Fete.

Environment and Highways . (a) New dog fouling notice needed for The Grove. (b) Cost of dog bin emptying: £80. (b) Timing of traffic lights at Deddington crossroads to be reviewed to relieve congestion and confusion. (c) PC to apply to CDC for grant for new street light in Hempton, on public security grounds.

HEMPTON VILLAGE HALL

VAT related increase in total construction costs. Friends of Hempton Church to cover approx. 2/3 of shorfall, PC approx. 1/3.

NEWS IN BRIEF

PC to ask Youth Club to help with National Spring Cleaning Week. PC to go online, install email. Village planters will be taken care of by Primary School, Betty Hill and Dennis Freeman. Deddington to enter *Britain in Bloom* Competition. Gaveston Gardens - PC has no authority to ban football on Green and will answer resident's letter accordingly. PC acknowledges letter from Carlotta Phillips and will answer.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Invoices for payment in February 2000 totalled: £4, 953.77

INVESTMENT OF PARISH FUNDS

Total: £539,519.12 of which £500,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 5.95% (120 days): Treasury deposit: £35,000 @ 5.1875% fixed: £1,495.13 @ 3.125 (14 days) £2,297.34 @ 1.75% (overnight): £725.65 @ 1.1875% (overnight).

**NEXT MEETING Wednesday, April 19, 2000, 7.30 pm. in Town Hall.**

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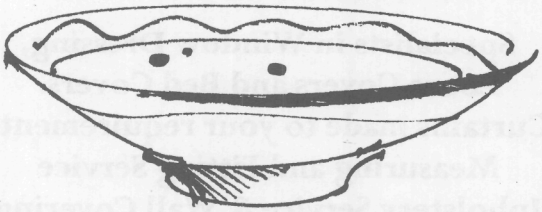

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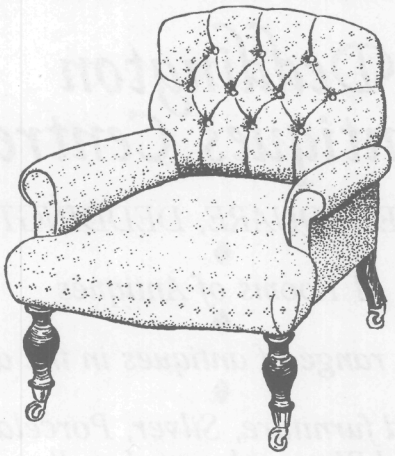

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## SCHOOL NEWS

Spring really seems to be on its way. Bulbs are appearing in the School gardens and Gardening Club will start again shortly. With the help of Mrs. Mumford and Mr. Lathbury, the children will take responsibility for one of the plant boxes on the Oxford Road this year, Look out for our colourful blooms during the summer months.

Our long-awaited visit to the Millennium Dome took place on Friday, March 10th. Children in Years 4, 5, and 6 enjoyed an exciting day, touring some of the much-publicised zones, watching a Black Adder film about time travel and seeing the magnificent Millennium Dome Show. These children will certainly have something to share with their grandchildren in the future.

LYNNE STEPHENS 338430

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## ...and from the PTA

Calling all women aged 16 plus – get ready for the Summer and pamper yourselves at our **Ladies Night on Wednesday, May 10th, 7.30 -10.30 pm.** at the **Windmill**. This is a unique opportunity to try out a range of the latest health, beauty and fitness products, as well as be entertained. See our posters advertising details of the twenty specialist stallholders. Tickets are £3 and will be available from early April from Deddington and Barford Post Offices and from the School. We recommend that you buy your tickets in advance as this event is expected to be a sell-out !!

We'd like to thank Peter Goringe for his support and gentle humour at our events. We've enjoyed working with him over the years and send him and his family our very best wishes for the future.

RACHEL TEARE 337077 & GILLIAN DURHAM 338675

### GLEANINGS FROM THE PAST - PARISH & DEANERY MAGAZINES

The 'cri de coeur' from our Clifton Correspondent (March DN) is my excuse for bringing you news from that village as reported in the final years of the 19th century. The then Editor must have been of tolerant disposition because the Clifton report quite often runs to a full page ! The yearly report issued to Clifton School by Her Majesty's Inspector was made known in full. Luckily children and teachers did not have to hang their heads. Words like "Creditably taught in Elementary subjects... Grammar satisfactory.. History is pretty well known... Geography good in lower school but rather weak in upper... Needlework" (in some years) "is carefully done" but (in others) is "unsatisfactory.." Then came the Deanery Inspector to test the children in Scripture and Catechism, the knowledge of which is "not large... but the children answer with readiness." Apart from these, no doubt dreaded examinations,

parents and children must have had a lot of fun – cricket and football matches on fields generously lent by local farmers; Sunday-school Christmas parties with games, teas and Magic Lantern; an annual Christmas supper for the "men and lads" of the Clifton Church Choir. In the winter there was entertainment by the local Glee and Madrigal Choir and a real knees-up for everybody after the Patronal Festival (on or near St. James' Day, July 25.)

Clifton's Church of St. James was consecrated by Samuel Wilberforce (son of William Wilberforce) during his time as Bishop of Oxford (1845-69).

There is even more interesting news in these yellowing magazine pages and maybe also in the odd trunk in the attic. Clifton need never be short of news again.

RUTH JOHNSON

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### FRIENDS OF DEDDINGTON LIBRARY

The 150th Anniversary of the Public Libraries Act was celebrated in March. A special 50p. coin has been minted and is available (information from Geff Todd). We hope our Library will be going strong in another 150 years !

The latest order for new books has gone in. No more news about the re-organisation of the Library although Oxfordshire's libraries have received a £190,000 cash boost to extend opening hours. This may not reach Deddington for some time as the biggest libraries will benefit first.

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**Sun 2** 10.30am **Mothering Sunday.** Special Family Service with blessing and distribution of posies.

**Tues 4** 11.15am Holy Communion in Featherton House. 3.15pm Holy Communion in St Anne's Home, Clifton.

**Wed 5** 10am Holy Communion. **Thu 6** 2pm Squeals and Wheels Pram and Toddlers' Service followed by a party.

**Sun 9** 10.30am Sung Eucharist. **Special preacher**: Rev Bob Shorter, Rector and Diocesan Ecumenical Officerf or Bath and Wells on "The Church".

**Wed 12** 10am Holy Communion.

**Sun 16 Palm Sunday.** 8am Holy Communion (BCP).

10.30am Sung Mattins (BCP) with distribution and blessing of Palm Crosses and dramatic reading of the Passion Story in place of the sermon.

**Wed 19** 10am Holy Communion.

**Thu 20 Maundy Thursday.** 8pm Holy Communion with symbolic washing of the feet of the 12 disciples. **Special preacher:** Dr Mike Graveny. This will be followed by a fellowship meal in the Parish Church. People wishing to attend the meal should tell the Vicar by Sun 16 April. 10pm - Midnight Vigil, an opportunity for prayer and meditation.

**Fri 21 Good Friday.** 10.30am Hot Cross Bun Service, mostly for parents and children.

1pm Procession of witness through the streets of Deddington.

2pm One hour service of Devotions led by Cannon John Whitwell. Christians of all denominations are invited to attend.

8.30pm "The Cross of Christ" - music and readings for Good Friday. All welcome.

**Sun 23 Easter Day - "The Day of Days".**

10.30am Sung Eucharist. This will be the Vicar's last service in the Parish Church.

12.15pm Holy Communion in Featherton House.

**Wed 26** 10am Holy Communion.

**Sun 30** 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

**Wed 3 May** 10am Holy Communion. **Thu 4 May** 2pm Squeals and Wheels Pram and Toddlers' Service.

April Services (St John, Hempton).

**Sun 2** 9am Eucharist. **Sun 16 Palm Sunday** 9am Eucharist.

**Sat 22** 11.30pm **Midnight Service and Vigil for Easter**. This Eucharist will be the Vicar's last service at St John's.

Lent Meetings continue in the Wesleyan Reform Church at 7.30pm on Thursday 6 April ("Who is the Holy Spirit?") and 13 April ("What does the Holy Spirit do?").

Church Friday Club for children of Deddington School will meet on Friday 7 April in the school hall 3.15-4pm. No meetings in school holidays.

Bible Study Home Group meetings

Monday 10 April at 2pm in 15 Grove Court, Deddington.

Wednesday 5, Tuesday 25 March and Tuesday 2 May 7.30 for 8pm in 2, The Leyes, Deddington.

Youth Fellowship Sunday 9 April at 6.30pm in Hempton Church Hall.

Annual Parish Church Meeting on Monday 10 April in the Parish Church at 7.30pm. Election of Churchwardens, members of the PCC and Sidespeople. Presentation of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. Special speaker: Rev Elaine Bardwell, Vicar of New Marsden, on "Common Worship - the New Prayer Book." All welcome.

Mother's Union Branch Meeting April 14 at 2pm in Boulderdyke, Clifton. Theme: Feeding the homeless.

Lent Giving. You are invited to donate to Christian Aid to assist work in Mozambique following the severe flooding. Please send contributions to Mrs Jean Flux, 14 The Daedings, Deddington. (Cheques should be drawn in favour of "Christian Aid").

Vicar's Farewell Party at Windmill Centre **Friday 28 April** at 7.30pm. Ticket holders only. Tickets available in Church after Sunday Services or from 338153.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

BAPTISM: 5 March in Deddington Church - DANIEL JAMES ANTHISTLE.

FUNERALS: 25 February in Deddington Church - NEIL JACK DAVID SOUTHON , aged 55 years.
8 March in Deddington Church - JOHN EDWARD BOWERMAN, aged 84 years.
9 March in Banbury Crematorium - FREDERICK WALLACE DOWNING, aged 85 years.
13 March in Deddington Church - WALTER GEORGE HAYWARD, aged 77 years.
15 March in Deddington Church - BRENDA MARY KETTLEY, aged 76 years.

Thanks. "As Vicar it has been my privilege to live and work among you for over 10 years. I greatly appreciate the support I have received in my ministry here. I pray that God will bless you all". (Ken Reeves).

Enquires about church matters should, after Easter Day, be addressed to the Curate or Churchwardens.

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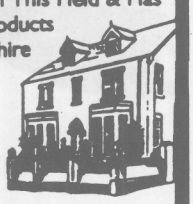

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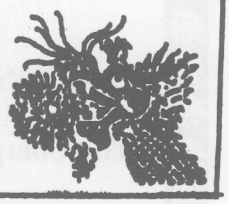

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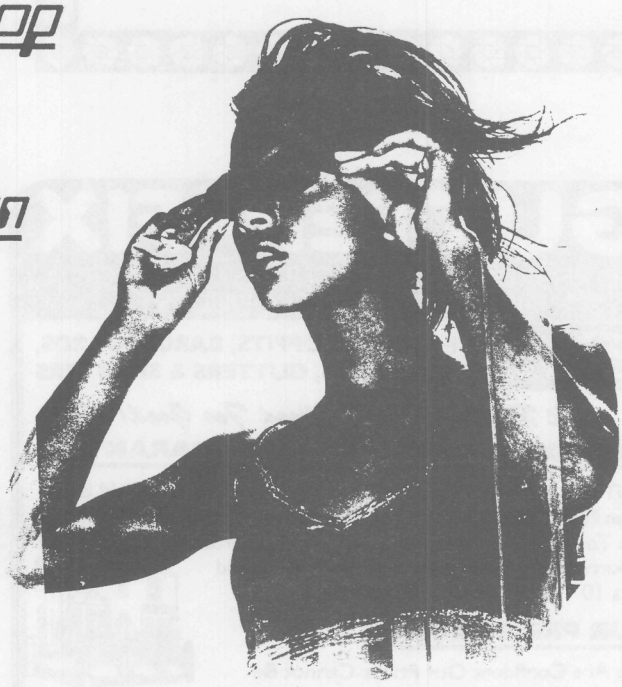

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**Maundy Thursday** - 7.30pm at Hethe. **Good Friday** - 3pm at Hethe.

**Holy Saturday** - 8.30pm Easter Vigil Mass at Hethe. **Easter Sunday** - Usual Sunday Masses.

Parish Priest: Rev A. J. BURNS (277396)

TRIBUTES:

NEIL SOUTHON, aged 55 years.

Neil was in the Army specialising in signals. He had a variety of overseas postings, including Germany where his son, Jason, was born. After his return to England he settled in the Oxford area, acting as a consultant to various local firms including Anchor Housing and ADAS Consultants. He regularly attended our Parish Church. We extend our sympathy to his family.

KEN REEVES.

JOHN BOWERMAN, aged 84 years.

John was born in Farthinghoe, but came to live as a boy in Clifton where he lived all his life. He was employed in farming by Frank Garrett and later by Donald Welford. He cared for his mother until she died in 1968 and did not retire until well into his 70s. He took a big interest in football. We extend sympathy to his nieces, Margaret and Rosemary. KEN REEVES

FREDERICK WALLACE DOWNING F.C.I.O.B, aged 86 years.

"Freddie" was born in London in 1914. After graduating from The Brixton School of Building in 1933, he joined Bovis Construction where he spent all his working life, some 43 years, before retiring as Managing Director in 1976. Freddie and Patricia, who were married in 1942, moved to Deddington 4 years ago. He leaves 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren (to whom we extend our sympathy – ET) ROGER DOWNING

WALTER HAYWARD, aged 77 years.

Walter was born in Deddington and, apart from the War years, spent all his working life here. His work in his father's shop in the Market Place was interrupted by service in the RAF. He married Joan in 1945 and they had 2 sons, Martin and Rodney. He had his own grocery business in the High Street before taking over his father's shop. He retired in 1986. He was a soccer enthusiast, President then Life President of Deddington Town Football Club as well as a member of the Royal British Legion for 60 years. We extend our sympathy to all his family.

KEN REEVES

BRENDA KETTLEY, aged 76 years.

Brenda was born in Napton, Warwickshire, At the start of the last war, she worked as a secretary at Rootes in Coventry where she met and married Stanley. They had one daughter, Helen. After several moves, Brenda and Stan moved to Deddington, where she devoted much time to charitable work. We extend sympathy to Stan and all her family. KEN REEVES

# CALLING ALL CLUBS

*Please notify any last minute changes in Club programmes to both Club and Diary Editors*

**DEDDINGTON W. I.** As reported earlier the W.I. celebrates 75 years in Deddington in December 2000. At the AGM in Oxford on March 29, a certificate will be presented to acknowledge that fact. It's a considerable time for any club/organisation to exist in a village and perhaps familiarity has dimmed the part the W.I. has played in the life of Deddington, Clifton and Hempton. Minutes and reports exist of many years past, the 1939-45 war years especially revealing. Thankfully times change, but the aims of the W.I. remain the same: to give support, encouragement, friendship and enjoyment to members.
To that end we have a varied and interesting programme scheduled for the coming year: speakers on popular and topical subjects, two coach trips (Geoff Hamilton's garden near Rutland Water on June 20; and the House of Commons on August 9) together with local and county events. No doubt Deddington W.I. will survive; it would be unthinkable to let down those intrepid village women of the war years - wouldn't it?
At the next meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 7.30 pm, Holly Tree, Beverley Chambers will talk on *Interior Design.*
**RENE MAHONY 338438**

**DEDDINGTON GARDENERS** Well, we are alive if not actually kicking! We will continue to supply our Deddington Gardeners' discount card; but it will **not** automatically appear through your door - please ask me for one. Please phone me before you turn up on my doorstep (Grove House, High St.) in case I am out. Otherwise call in on the week-end of April 8/9. Membership fee £2 as usual, payable at the time.
**Future events:** *Friday, May 5* - Spring Show at Malvern. Please contact Kristin Thompson (337052).
*Autumn:* A plant swap at Grove House; and planting wild flowers in Daeda's Wood. In the meantime, watch this space!
**ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186**

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** Our March meetings were well attended. On March 1 Rev. Ken Reeves gave us an interesting outline of his career, from his studies of the Classics, Divinity and teaching career before coming to Deddington Parish. We shall be very sorry to say goodbye to him at Easter but extend our best wishes for his future happiness. Mr Soden entertained us on March 15 with an illustrated talk on *Shetland Places and Wild Life*. And, as I write, we look forward to Mr George Spenceley's illustrated talk *From the Balkans to the Baltic* on March 29. We welcome anyone wishing to join us at the Windmill Centre at 2.30 alternate Wednesdays. The programme for April is listed in the Diary.
**GWEN BOND 337354**

**DEDDINGTON AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY** There was a large turnout to hear David Eddershaw talk about *The Oxfordshire of Flora Thompson*. Her famous trilogy *From Lark Rise to Candleford* is familiar to most of us, but David's novel technique was to use readings from the book as the starting-point for discussions of the social history of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. To hear the extracts reminded us just how good and how accurate a writer Flora Thompson was. It was a real bonus to learn that David has discovered photographs of many of the people and places mentioned (will any of us forget that wonderful photograph of Old Dick and his massive and protective wife Sally?), and carried out research into the lives and careers of some. It was a fascinating, and at times, moving evening.
At our next meeting (Wednesday, April 12, 7.30 pm at the Windmill Centre) Sally Stradling will talk on a subject that will be of wide interest: *The Franklins of Deddington.*
The 2nd. issue of the society's newsletter (with a map of Deddington in 1814 and the will and inventory of John Edmunds [d. 1630], Vicar of Deddington) is now available to members.
**CHRIS DAY 337204**

**DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB 2000** The new Cricket Season is only weeks away and we would very much like new members to join us. Our Saturday league team is for the competitive, but the standard is flexible. Sunday friendlies are just that, with teas to die for (but you probably won't!); after the match we tend to visit a local hostelry. On Wednesday evenings 20 Over matches take care of the mid-week craving some seem to have. Nets are currently at Banbury Spiceball Centre from 10.30 am on Sundays. Why not join us? After all, unlike England, Australia, South Africa, West Indies, etc., we are unbeaten this Millennium. Phone **Peter Blackburn: 338117** or me for further encouragement. **TERRY CLINCH 338711**

**DEDDINGTON PLAYERS** We plan to hold an AGM at 8 pm on Tuesday, April 11, in the Windmill Centre. We hope to see some newcomers prepared to join any future projects.
**JIM FLUX 338153**

**DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB** There is a pre-season meeting at 7.30 pm., Thurs, April 6, at the Windmill Centre and we hope as many members as possible will attend. If you have never played bowls before or are a lapsed player, please come along and meet us. When the season starts we have two qualified instructors, who are very happy to coach beginners.
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## CALLING ALL CLUBS contd.

**MONDAY MORNING CLUB** Those who went to *Lady Margaret's Reception* at the Chipping Norton Theatre in March enjoyed an amusingly original evening. Some of us are off to the same theatre on April 18 to see *Captain Corelli's Mandolin*. Please collect your tickets on April 3 at the coffee morning, or from me at home. The performance starts at 6 pm so the bus will leave the Market Place at 5.10 pm. We hope to organise a group to see the musical *Blood Brothers* at the Apollo on Wednesday, June 14. Concessionary seats in the stalls have been provisionally reserved so if you are interested please let us know on April 3. If we don't take up the reservation before the end of the month, we will lose the seats. **JEAN FLUX 338153**

**DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB** Our numbers are growing with well over 40 members and regular attendance in the mid-thirties. More filming took place recently, benefiting from the good weather (clear views from the church tower) and the lambing season.
On Monday, March 20, we had some friendly football matches against youth members from Grimsbury; we did well winning most of the matches. Sadly, Fiona, our leader, is leaving shortly to do some global travelling. So far we have had no luck in finding a replacement. If anyone knows of someone who might be interested please contact me as soon as possible. **GAY BREWER 338097**

**DEDDINGTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION** Together with the Club we held our AGM recently. The Officers of both Branch and Club are: President, John Spencer; Vice President and Treasurer, Norman West; Chairman, Alan Bowen; Secretary, Ray Morris. They are supported by an enthusiastic committee composed of Dennis Freeman, George Reason, Phil Chard, Clare Prow, Anne Coaker, Grace Hancock and Hugh Morris. The Club's social facilities and bar are currently being well used by members, particularly on Friday evenings when Bingo and 'Play Your cards Right' are in full flow.
The club enjoys a good family atmosphere and membership is in no way restricted to past and present serving personnel. The Club is open most evenings and on Saturdays and Sundays, and potential members are most welcome. **RAY MORRIS 338143**

**DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

1st Team results

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|---|---|---|
| Bodicote(h) | Lost 2-3 | C.Hill, R.Wilkins |
| Wroxton(h) | Won 7-2 | R.Wilkins(2), C.Hill(2), P.Syde, J.Coleman, J.Tyrell |
| Broughton(a) (Dave Wood Cup) | Lost 2-3 | C.Doggett(2) |
| Sinclair(a) (Coronation Cup) | Lost 2-3 | J.Tyrell, Own Goal |

This has not been a good month, the one bright spot being the demolition of Wroxton in the League. The two Cup semi final defeats came in the cruellest circumstances, both in extra time with a sudden death goal.

Reserve team results

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| Barford Res(a) | Won 5-1 | M.Doggett(4), J.Pearce |
| Chasewell Park(a) | Drew 1-1 | Own Goal |
| Bodicote Res(h) (Cave Cup) | Won 8-2 | M.Doggett(2), C.Smith(2), M.Walker, J.Pearce(2), S.Shepherd |
| WH Brady(h) | Lost 2-4 | C.Smith(2) |

Last month's highlight was the victory over Bodicote which puts the Reserve Side through to the final of the Cave Cup: their first final in over a decade. This takes place at Broughton and North Newington on April 25, 6pm kick off. There was also a thumping victory over local rivals Barford. Mark Doggett is currently leading scorer with 21 goals. **STEVE PLUMBE 01295-278258**

**1ST DEDDINGTON CUBS** Our Cub Pack numbers have swelled this month with the arrival of Robert, Jonah, Chris, George, Tama and Patrick who will all be studying for their investiture. We are all busy preparing for the coming camping season with the District Cub camp at the beginning of May and our special millennium camp at the end. We also have to fit in a sponsored walk, St George's Day parade, an open day, a science evening and a cake stall. **Phew!** In June we have a charity stall at Banbury market, so if you have any books or bric-à-brac we would be grateful. **JO CHURCHARD 338071**

**1ST DEDDINGTON GUIDES** We've been busy over the last month enjoying a whole range of activities chosen and organised by the patrols. Each patrol has become involved in a challenge for guides all over the region. The winner is to star in a promotional video - so we may be famous yet!
We have also been rehearsing *Cinderella* ready for our open afternoon on Saturday, April 8. We shall be putting on demonstrations, displays and providing refreshments. We'll be working with the Brownies, Cubs and Scouts and hope to have the support of all families, friends and interested parties - everyone is welcome. Come and see what we do! - 2.30pm-4 pm at the Windmill Centre. **MAGGIE RAMPLEY 01295-810069**

# FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

*(Please address all letters to: Frank Steiner, 5, Chapman's Lane, Deddington.)*

**FROM MIKE AND JACKIE WILLIAMSON, WALNUT CLOSE, CLIFTON**

This is just a brief, if belated, note of thanks to everyone involved in the "Songs of the Century" concert in the Parish Church on February 19th. It was a most enjoyable evening in a perfect setting. Highlights of the evening were, for us, George Fenemore's fine *Ol' Man River*, Linda Bloxham's beautiful version of *Summertime*, the full Choir in Paul Simon's modern classic, *Bridge Over Troubled Water* and Jim Flux's *I'm Getting Married in the Morning*. Congratulations too, to John Cheney for being such an amusing compere. When are you doing it again ?

**FROM JOHN NEILD, PHILCOTE STREET, DEDDINGTON**

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Bicester I would like to thank all those residents of Deddington who so generously contributed the hardware to fill an 'Aquabox" disaster kit for the Moçambique Flood Appeal. Enough hardware was, in fact, donated to fill two further boxes, once these have been purchased with their attendant water treatment equipment.

**FROM RODNEY HAYWARD, GOOSE GREEN, DEDDINGTON**

Joan, Martin, Rodney and families would like to thank everyone for attending the service for the late Walter George Hayward on Monday, March 3rd. and for the beautiful floral tributes and donations to Katharine House Hospice. A special thank you to the Revd. Ken Reeves for conducting the service, also to Arthur Lewis for the reading and his visits to Walter. Grateful thanks to the Royal British Legion Standard Bearer, Den Freeman, Chedley, Carol and staff at the Holcombe Hotel, the staff at Deddington Health Centre and also to PC Bob Donohue.

We would llike to take this oportunity to thank everyone for their messages, flowers and cards of sympathy and condolence on our sad loss. These have been a great comfort to us all.

**FROM CARLOTTA PHILLIPS, GROVE COTTAGE, DEDDINGTON** (Extracts)

Dog Fouling The Grove is a dead-end but it leads to a favourite dog walking footpath. This fact seems to have been ignored by the Council and the Dog Warden, as we have none of the dog fouling stickers in place. I don't know if I speak for the rest of the residents in The Grove but I am extremely fed-up with removing dog mess from the borders of our house. I would appreciate (a) some stickers being put up and (b) a notice in the DN to the effect that The Grove is not the place to let your dog relieve itself !

Deddington Saleroom Heartily agree that the Saleroom should not be allowed to become an office site. I wish I could be constructive and think of another shop-type use for it, but on discussion with other villagers, it seems that many options have been tried but have not proved economically viable. A bookshop would be good, a chemist perhaps…

*(Other issues Carlotta Phillips raised were more specifically for the PC. Ed.)*

**FROM ELIZABETH REED, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON**

I was taken aback to hear that plannng permission is being sought by Philip Allan Updates which includes the removal of the shop front from the former Deddington Saleroom, Updates now being the new owners of the property. This fine example of a Victorian shop front has, according to photographic record, been there for approximately 80 years. It is a fine architectural feature, in character with its surroundings, and, in my view, surely cannot be knocked down ? What was the purpose of the Conservation Order placed on Deddington's buldings ? Would it not be possible to run a business behind that shop front ?

As a Parishioner, I urgently appeal to the PC to view this application very carefully and forcefully make at least this resident's views known to the Local Planning Office at CDC. I intend to write to the Chief Planning Officer (CDC, Bodicote House, Banbury OX15 4AA) and to our CDC Conservation Officer, Sally Stradling. May I also make a personal appeal to Philip himself to reconsider these plans.

*(See also PC Report. Ed.)*

**FROM MARY VALENTINE, CROMWELL HOUSE, MARKET PLACE, DEDDINGTON**

I have been reminiscing about the printed photograph in the Deddington News last month. I recognised the frontage of The Chislett Emporium, where we now have the Thames Valley Police Office. The Chisletts lived in the house next to the shop where my mother-in-law, Florence Sykes, worked and where my father-in-law, Frank Valentine, worked as a tailor in the shop. I understand their courtship began there, conducted through the 'back window'. Florence went on to become a maid in Park Lane, London, and Frank cycled there to see her on high days and holidays.

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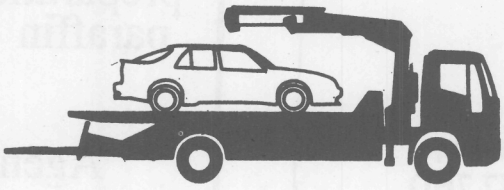

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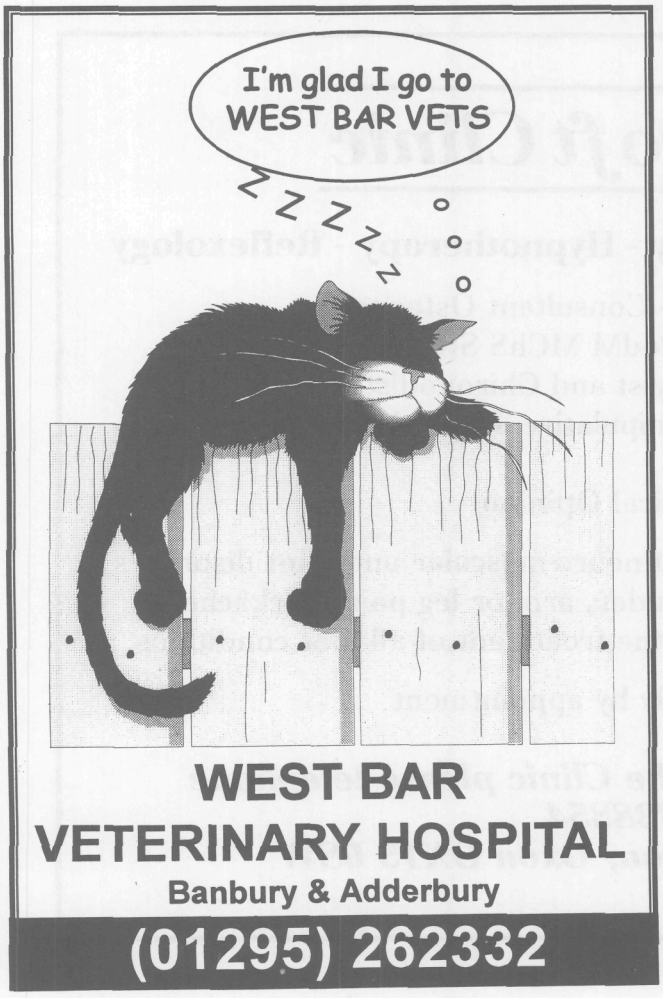


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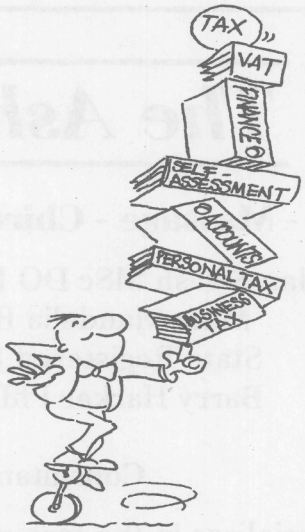


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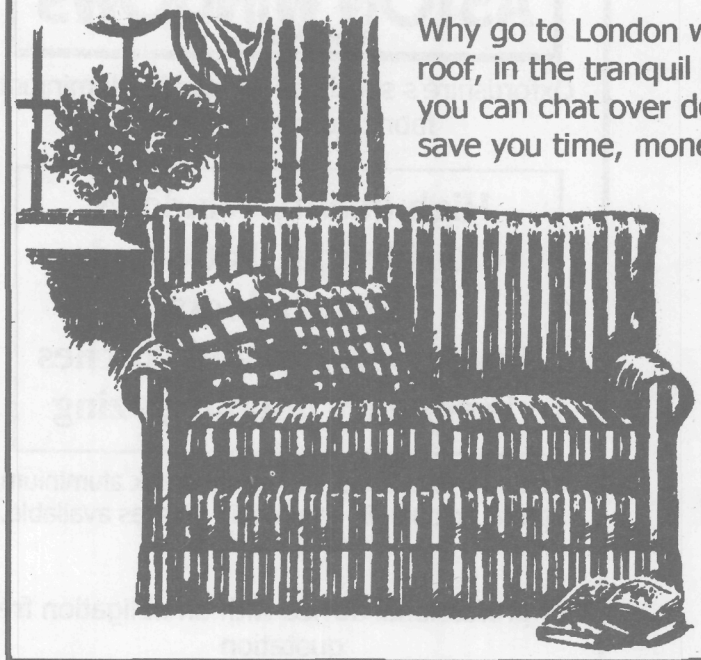

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## WAS THE TCHURE A JEWRY ? by FRANK STEINER

In the DN, November '99, the Editor asked for any evidence for the suggestion that there had been a Jewish community in Deddington in the Middle Ages and that the word 'Tchure" was a corruption of "Jewry". The suggestion rose from a correspondence in the Questions and Answers page of *Country Life* (16.9.99) on the origins of the word 'tchure', perhaps triggered by a similar correspondence in our own columns a few months before. In his Country Life letter, Mr. Leopold Chambers attributed the term to a mediaeval Jewry and specifically mentioned Deddington and its Jewish "wond'rous cakes', quoting Langbourn's *Historie of the Countie of Oxford* as his primary source.

Having looked for evidence fairly widely, I think that none exists. Since it is impossible to prove a negative, one cannot swear to there never having been a Jewish community here and although the details given bristle with improbabilities, it did seem worth pursuing this particular hare along a number of false trails. In doing so I was grateful for help from the Librarian of the Reform Club in London, from past and present staff of the Museums of Banbury and the City of Oxford and of the Centre for Banburyshire Studies and of that for Oxfordshire Studies at the Oxford Central Library.

It seemed unlikely that there would have been any Jewish communities in Oxfordshire, outside Oxford itself, but in a legal document of 1242 there is reference to a "Vaalyn and Moses of Banbury, listed as Jews". If there were Jews some 24 miles outside Oxford, why not also at 17 miles distance? We do not know. Also, in the course of a series of lectures at the Museum of Oxford in 1992, a paper was presented on Jewish Communities in Oxford*shire* (italics mine). This title did not make clear that the paper dealt with the "hitherto unknown" Jews of Banbury in and after the 18th century. There have been Tchures in many towns and villages and particularly in the Banbury area. They cannot possibly all have been mediaeval Jewries, and to suggest that the word has this meaning only for Deddington is a coincidence too far.

The final doubt about the whole question stems from the fact that Mr. Chambers' alleged primary evidence does not seem to exist ! There is no trace of Langbourn's *Historie*, in any archaic or modern spelling, on the Internet, at the Centre for Oxfordshire Studies, the Bodleian Library before and after 1640 and the British Library's Catalogue of Printed Books. If, as I suspect, the apparently 17th century book quoted is a figment of Mr. Chambers' fertile imagination, the whole report is simply a high spirited and ingenious hoax.

*(There may have been no hare to catch, but the coursing has been a splendid exercise. Ed)*

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## PETER GORINGE, AN APPRECIATION

Deddington School has had the benefit of the skilled leadership and care provided by Peter Goringe for nearly five years. This has resulted in excellent Ofsted reports and a very happy atmosphere in School.

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During my association with the School I have greatly enjoyed working with Peter and his members of staff.

It goes without saying that Peter will be missed enormously, but the foundations wihch he has laid will stand the School in good stead. The Governors wish him good luck in his new appointment and thank him very much for his unfailing commitment to the children, Staff, parents and Governors.

**PAT BRITTAIN** (Chair, Primary School Governors)

The **Anniversaries** feature below is an experiment. We have hesitated to introduce it before because if we get a long list of entries we shan't be able to guarantee space. But let's see what happens. Here goes with Stephanie, who is the DN's first 'Birthday Girl'! Congratulations also to Cliff and Gwen Bond.

Ed.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**Stephanie Strachan** of Year 3 will be 8 on April 13th. Lots of love, Mummy and Robbie. Xxx

Happy 60th. Wedding Anniversary to **Cliff and Gwen Bond.** April 17th.

**THE REVEREND KEN REEVES – BEYOND THE PULPIT.**

A few biographical notes to begin with. Ken is a graduate of Kings College, London University. From 1960 –70 he was Senior Lecturer in Religious Studies at Goldsmith's College, London, and then Headteacher of three Comprehensive Church Schools: Camberwell, Oxford and Ealing. In 1986 he began his training for the ordained ministry. After a period as a priest with the Dorchester-on-Thames Team Ministry, he came to Deddington and The Barfords and was inducted on December 1, 1989. There are two other intriguing biographical details from Ken's pre-Deddington life. From 1961–74 he was a Councillor (and for a period, Deputy Leader) in the London Borough of Ealing. He has also been a parliamentary candidate in four General Elections. This practical and generous involvement with other people and their concerns perhaps partially explains the following widely-based tributes.

From Arthur Lewis, Ex-President of the Deddington Branch of the Royal British Legion: *The Officers, Committee and members of the Deddington Branch wish to thank the Rev. Ken Reeves for his wonderful support since becoming Vicar of SS. Peter and Paul in 1989, especially in the arrangements for the Remembrance Services and the R.B. Legion Annual Harvest Festival. We thank you, Ken, for being our Padre and wish you well for the future.*

From Peter Goringe, Headteacher of Deddington C. of E. Primary School: *It would be hard to imagine a more effective Chairman of the School Governing Body than Ken. His experience, gained through years in education, is second to none. The wisdom and constructive criticism he brings to discussions of great importance are immensely valuable. Personally, I have found that the partnership Ken and I have forged, based on warm friendship and mutual respect, has been a most important factor in the success of the School over recent years.*

From Lynne Stephens, Acting Headteacher, Deddington C. of E. Primary School: *Ken has worked tirelessly for the School over the last ten years and has provided invaluable support to us all. In School, his regular assemblies have been enjoyed by the children, as has his popular after-school "Friday Club". Ken has become our trusted friend and advisor. He will be missed by everyone but we wish him every happiness in his well-deserved retirement.*

From Terry Clinch, Deddington Cricket Club: *Ken is the Teams' Vicar and a Vice President of the Club. His support has been greatly appreciated by all and he always attends our Annual Dinner, having been a guest speaker, to everyone's delight. We wish Ken a very happy semi-retirement but, please, Ken, stay a V.P. and come to our dinners so that we may still enjoy your company, if only once a year.*

From Angela Waller: *I would particularly like to thank Ken for two aspects of his pastoral work. Firstly, anyone who has been ill, at home or in hospital, during the last ten years will have been visited by him and cheered by his friendly phone calls, his prayers and his care for their families. He has never spared himself in his devotion to the needs of others.*

*Secondly, some of us were lucky enough to visit the Holy Land under Ken's leadership in 1993. This made the Gospels come alive as never before. A second trip to Jordan and Egypt followed in 1994. At Mount Nebo, where Moses is reputedly buried, Ken was able to celebrate a service of Eucharist in a 6th. century Byzantine church. While we held the service the church filled with tourists who all sat quietly down. It was a most moving moment during our exchanges of the Peace when Ken walked down the church and offered them a blessing. In 1996 we went with Ken to Syria to follow in the steps of St. Paul, but that's another story...*

Alas, there is no room to print more – and that 'more' is also pertinent. The Parish Church itself says good bye to Ken on April 28th. We hope to report this in the May issue. Ed.

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## NEWS FROM HEMPTON

People who have lived in the village for some time will be sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Jones. She lived on the Duns Tew road and had lived in the village for many years. Our condolences to all her family. Now best wishes to two of the oldest people from the village, Beth Wright and Stan Payne, who are both in hospital at the moment.

As most people know, the Rev. Ken Reeves will be leaving this Parish shortly. His last Service in St. John's Church will be on Easter Eve at 11.30pm. The Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter is a very nice service and it would be good to have a large congregation to say goodbye. We wish Ken all the best in his new appointment near Burford. Please let me have some news for next month. **LES CHAPPELL 338054**

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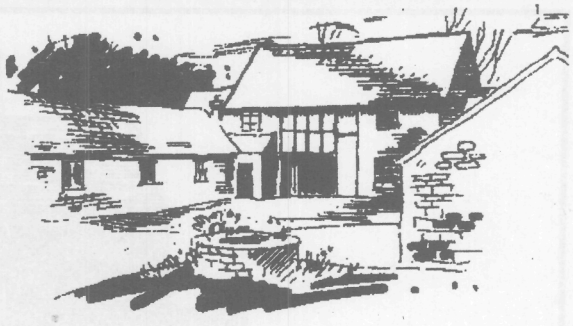

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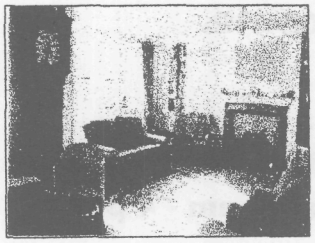

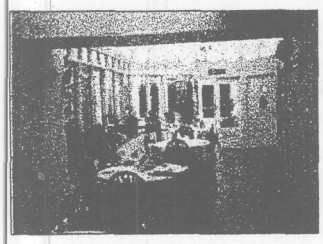

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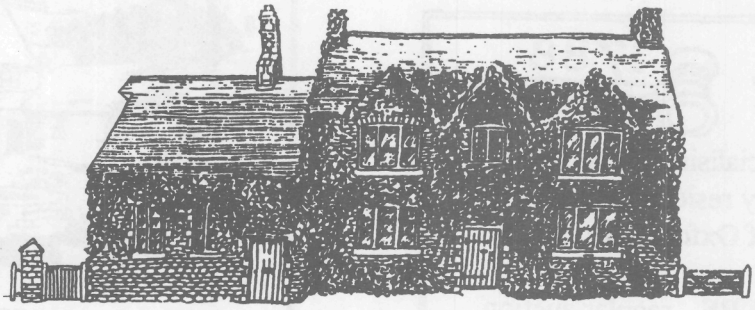

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April is without doubt the most beautiful month in England. On a sunny day the monochrome yellows and the pale green hedgerows are wonderful. Moreover our Spring can last quite a time, unlike the American Spring, for instance, which comes and goes within a few days. So while the Daffs are doing their stuff, we can be getting on with potting up the Begonia corms, and this time I'll try to get them the right way up. This would also be a good time to buy plugs of annuals and put them in pots. I shall give the over-wintering Fuchsias a kick-start by pruning them back and watering them with a feed. The containers have had a rough winter; the winds have knocked two over and smashed them but I comfort myself with the thought that the broken bits will make nice drainage pieces for the ones that survived.
Apart from the Narcissi we have Primroses, Scillas, Anemones, Dog Violets and early Iris in bloom. I have lots of Limnanthes seeds over from the autumn (the Poached Egg edging plant). If any reader would like some, please call me on 338251. **MARIANNE ELSLEY**

The Taj Mahal has gone. It was an old packing crate sitting at the end of the patch, turned upside down with a corrugated plastic roof. If no shed, it housed tools and fertiliser. It had an ingenious device with guttering that stored rain water in an oil drum. There were many such systems when we started on the allotment. Bless the PC and Terry Clinch in particular for championing water on the site. Latterly the Taj looked like a derelict bomb site, hence the demolition.
In January the place looked sad but now planting time is nigh. We're going for simplicity: potatoes, spinach, shallots, runner and broad beans and leeks. A free packet of sunflower seed may add colour. In the distant past I made Rhubarb Wine, Chateau Blotteau. Start soon, when the oxalic acid content is low. **BILL DRAKE**

## NEWS FROM CLIFTON

The memories of many Cliftonians have been of John Bannerman of Victoria Terrace, who died last month. John was born in Farthinghoe in 1916 and moved to Clifton as a small boy when his father came to work on the Garrets' Farm. Soon afterwards his father died of blood poisoning, leaving John with five younger brothers and sisters. The whole village was very concerned for Alice and her young family and the farmer Frank Garrret honoured his promise to find a job for each of the boys when they left school. As they grew up the boys moved away from the farm and John and his mother moved to a cottage in Chapel Close. On December 2, 1950 John started work for the Welfords at Boulderdyke Farm where he remained until the early 1990s, working part time in later years. Donald Welford was pleased to have such a reliable man on his team and over the years John became skilled at looking after the chickens. In his spare time John cared for his pig, which was his pride and joy during the 50s, and his garden. He took a keen interest in football and regularly tried his luck on the pools. As a younger man, John could often be seen swimming in the river on warm days. Those who knew him over the years remember his devotion to his mother, especially in her latter years. Donald Welford said: "As a friend and employer I will always remember John as a man who was never unpleasant to anyone, nor ever spoke ill of anyone. If he had a fault, it was that he was far too generous to his friends and neighbours". I will end with a warning to parents: village children have been seen playing in St James's farmhouse. The building is in an advanced state of dilapidation and, as with other building sites, makes a dangerous playground. Please keep your children safe by making sure they stay away from such places. **JACKIE WILLIAMSON 337128**

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## ON THE FARM

Lambing is now almost over for this year with less than 100 ewes and 40 tegs to go. The tegs should lamb in mid-April (a teg is a ewe lamb which was born last year). It has been a fast and furious time with long days and ever longer nights. The 'fall' of lambs has been good, with high birth weights: one ewe produced twins which weighed in at 15 and 25lbs. The mild weather has meant that the ewes have gone out with plenty of grass in front of them but as the blackthorn has just started to flower I expect we shall get a cold spell which will slow down the grass growth. Unfortunately we did have a few visits from Mr. Fox in the floodlit paddocks and the kind gentleman driving a van who repatriated 2 mange-ridden urban foxes early one Saturday morning will not be getting a 'wish you were here' card from them! Perhaps I should add a reminder to the many footpath walkers who take their dogs with them to please keep your pet on a lead when near livestock and do not let them hunt the hedgerows, as many birds are now nesting. If your dog comes into contact with a mange-infected fox it could be very debilitating for your pet and very expensive for you.

The cereal and oil seed rape crops have now all had their first dressing of fertilizer and will soon be due for a second. It was nice to be able to drive 'on the top' and leave the field with clean wheels but I hope this is not the start of a drought.

Most of the bees have come through the winter well. I shall soon have to get them ready for the Spring. This year I have imported 5 nuclei colonies from New Zealand (2k of bees and a queen in each). This should save time in the Spring and they should be producing honey much earlier. It's a new way of doing things but could be worth a try. The rooks are nesting at Bowman's Bridge, the curlews are back on the meadows and the swallows should soon return. Well, it's 4.30am, the workshop Robin is singing in the cherry tree under the yard light and all is quiet in the sheep barn. 9 doubles and a set of triplets have been born since 8pm. Christopher and his wife Naomi will be in at 5.30am so I am off to bed.

**GEORGE FENEMORE 338203**

## THE WAY WE WERE Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood

*Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for April 1850:*

2nd APRIL - We left for Oxford to visit Robert at Radley as promised. We started for Radley where we arrived safely (tho' we had a tipsy post boy to drive us), and found Robert looking remarkably well and in capital spirits. We found Willy had found his way there from Marlborough - having a 10 hours leave of absence - much to Robert's surprise and astonishment. I gave a sovereign to the head boy in the band towards purchasing a large new drum of 12 guineas value, and also subscribed a sovereign for Robert to the Boating Club. The post boy, already tipsy, went to Abingdon and got quite drunk - and fell off the box of the Fly, luckily without much hurting himself. I drove the Fly home to Oxford, where I interceded with Venables for the driver on account of his wife and 7 children to prevent his being discharged, which otherwise would have been the case.

8th APRIL - I called at the factory and saw our new axle trees making there.

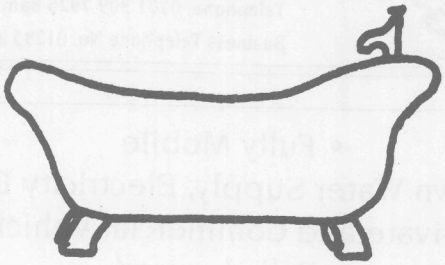
11th APRIL - I married my niece, Sarah Anne Hearn, to Mr. Samuel Newman, Solicitor, in the Parish Church of Buckingham.

14th APRIL - Mr. F. Wilson went to Hempton to officiate for the first time in a room duly licensed by the Bishop for the purpose of holding Divine Service there, till the new Chapel is erected as at present contemplated by the munificence of the Wilson family, and Hempton shall be annexed to Lower Worton and severed from Deddington. There was an overflowing congregation.

18th APRIL - I heard from a clergyman in America asking for information about Richard Powers of this place formerly, now a Serjeant in 60th Rifles supposed to be at Quebec in Canada.

20th APRIL - Holford and I started for Oxford and New College in the open carriage, and saw the rooms he is to occupy.

30th APRIL - The bell tolled here minute time for 3 hours for poor Sir Thomas Cartwright (one of the Lords of this Manor) of Aynho - Her Majesty's Ambassador at Stockholm, where he died on the 17th at the age of 60 or thereabouts.



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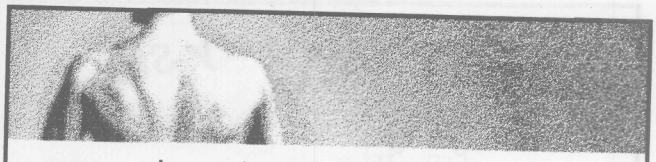

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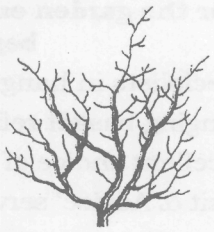

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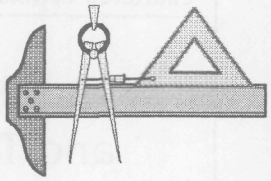

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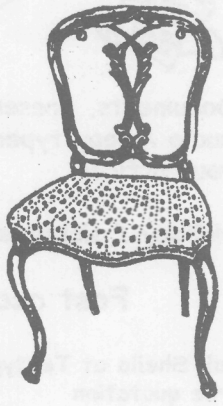

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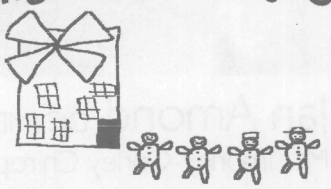

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The Website Editorial Group has spent considerable time thinking about its purpose and what information Parishioners want from the site. We know the Internet is growing and not everyone has access (this is why there is an up-dated copy of the Website in the Library). Let us have your ideas about content, how information can be shared or access improved. Comments from younger people and those having difficulty accessing information, will be particularly welcome. Write to us c/o The Hawthorns, County View, Clifton OX15 OPZ or telephone. Or you can send an e-mail. Your ideas will be carefully considered and we'll reply.

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**PARISH BORN AND BRED**

Alan Humphries of *The Crown and Tuns* suggests a project to mark the Millennium. He has asked if the DN could find out how many people still live in the Parish who were born here. This means born here, not whisked off to breathe one's first in Banbury or Chipping Norton before returning some days later. So, if you still live in Clifton, Deddington or Hempton and qualify, please contact a member of the DN team (see page 1 for tel. nos. etc.) We'd like to know your name, age (if you feel so inclined) and the address where you were born. Alan himself, of course, is Deddington born and bred. His idea could lead to facts and reminiscence well worth recording in this age of change.

We look forward to your calls! Ed.

Friends of Daeda's Wood

Well, we've traced the phantom pruner. As suspected his motives were of the best, merely misplaced. So that's that. A flier with full details of the Millennium Family Picnic on June 4 (12 noon to 4 pm) will come with the May DN. You will need to bring your own (picnic, I mean) but we plan to provide the wherewithal for fun and games such as tugs-of-war (if enough teams) and a treasure hunt. The setting should look a treat by then too.

Our sincere thanks to Deddington School for agreeing to let us put our display in their entrance hall for the first half of next term. The display has been updated to include pictures of last year's wild flowers and tree growth. For the summer we hope an expanded display will move to the Parish Church - more of this later.

The use of the dog bin has resulted in a considerable improvement, though I still get some comments on fouling of the paths. So, please, all you responsible dog walkers, spread the word. Thanks.

**Sylvie Spenceley 338995**

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## THE CARNIVAL IS OVER

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in Deddington Clifton Hempton

At the March PC Meeting I reported on the strength of support for the proposed Carnival on July 15. For several reasons, the Council voted not to proceed with the Carnival.

Although the cost to the Parish could have reached £5,000, this would not have been ruled out had there been overwhelming support. Emptying the Market Place on a Saturday afternoon would have caused considerable upheaval and disrupted businesses and customers. People leave their cars permanently in the Market Place during the weekend. Other venues such as the Castle Grounds are not suitable – no parking, poor access, and no toilets, electricity etc., without heavy extra cost. The following day, Sunday July 16th, the Annual Banbury Carnival is being held.

To the few people who offered support, I would like to express our thanks. It was much appreciated.

JIM BELL Chairman of the Millennium Working Group 338649

# FIRE SERVICE

Fire calls : Calls this month were : 3 chimney fires including one with a beam on fire; 1 road traffic accident; 1 call to a fire at Fired Earth, Adderbury which involved some linseed oil tanks; 4 calls to stand by at other stations.

Training : Richard Bolton and Gill Evans have both completed a weekend training course at the Brigade Training School. Richard is also doing a 2 weeks' basic training course.

Recruiting : We have 2 people going through the processing programme at the present time. We still require more people for daytime cover.

Smoke Detectors : Oxfordshire has been free of fire fatalities for 12 months. We hope this means we are getting the message on the importance of fitting smoke detectors across to the general public - not just the fitting of them but the checking of them to ensure that they are working. Remember a good battery should last for 12 months. It is a good idea to put a battery in on the date of your wedding anniversary or birthday. This way you are more likely to remember to change it. **It is easier to replace a battery than to replace a life.** Anyone who is thinking of having detectors fitted but is not sure where to put them, please contact us and we will help. **ALBERT HUMPHRIES 338943**

**Deddington Folk go MADD**

**In aid of Katherine House Hospice local Deddingtonians are celebrating the Millennium with MADD week: 13th - 20th May. Activities such as Music, Arts, Dancing and Drama are coming together for a week to remember.**

M...usic in the Church
A...rt at the Holly Tree
D...ancing in the Windmill
D...rama in the Windmill

Plus many other activities around Deddington during that week - "On the Fringe".

Watch out for the next DN and local publicity for details.

Phone: Gerard Sullivan 338626 or Jenny Soddy: 338298

## THE LIGHTER SIDE - Advice to ladies on sensitive present-buying for men.

1. When in doubt buy him a cordless drill. It does not matter if he already has a dozen. A man can never have too many cordless drills. No one knows why.
2. Buy men a 'Label Maker'. Within a couple of weeks there will be labels everywhere –Socks, Shirts, Cups, Saucers, Doors, Locks, Sinks. You get the idea. No one knows why.
3. Never buy a man anything that says, "Some Assembly Required" on the box. He will always have parts left over. No one knows why.
4. Never buy a real man a wooden step ladder. It must be an aluminium extension ladder. No one knows why.

*(Courtesy of the Flux's Internet.)*

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**ROYAL NATIONAL MISSION TO DEEP SEA FISHERMEN.** A speaker is coming to the Congregational Church on Tuesday, May 9th. at 2.30 pm. from the "Fishermen's Mission". They care for the welfare of fishing families throughout the UK, offering practical pastoral and welfare support for fishermen, their wives, widows and orphans. Donations for their work are always appreciated.

**GOOD NEIGHBOUR GROUP** for Deddington, Clifton and Hempton

April, 2000

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| Wed | 26 | Friendship Club: Easter Lunch. |
| Fri | 28 | Farewell party for Ken Reeves, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm. Ticket holders only. (p 4) |

Sat 29th April – Sun 14th May: Preliminary judging for Best Kept Village competition

**MAY DIARY**

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| Wed | 3 | Annual Parish Meeting, Windmill Centre, 7 30 pm. |
| Wed | 3 | Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8 pm |
| Fri | 5 | Deddington Gardeners. Spring Show at Malvern. Bus leaves Market Place, 9.15am. (p.6) |
| Sat | 6 | British Legion: Stacy Parsons (Live music), 8.45 pm. |
| Mon | 8 | Monday Morning Club coffee morning, Holly Tree, 10 am – noon. |
| Mon | 8 | Unveiling ceremony, Roll of Parish Council Chair men, Town Hall, 6.30 pm |
| Tue | 9 | WI: Resolutions, The Holly Tree, 7.30 pm |
| Wed | 10 | Friendship Club: Mr J Bishop, Fire Safety Officer, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm. |
| Wed | 10 | Deddington History Society: C Davidson, *Woman's Work Is Never Done*.Windmill, 7.30 pm |
| Wed | 10 | Monday Morning Club: Bus for *The Rivals*, RSC leaves Market Place at 6.15 pm. |
| Wed | 10 | PTA: Ladies Night, Windmill Centre. 7.30 – 10.30 pm. (p.3) |
| Sat 13 – Sat 20 | | MADD Week. |
| Mon | 15 | Folk singers at the Deddington Arms, 8 pm. (MADD week) |
| Wed | 17 | Parish Council Annual General Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm. |
| Wed | 17 | *Close Magic* at the Red Lion, 8 pm. (MADD week) |
| Thu | 18 | Poetry Reading at the Red Lion, 8 pm (MADD week) |
| Sat | 20 | Concert in the Parish Church, 7.30 pm. (MADD week) |
| Tue | 23 | **COPY DATE FOR JUNE DEDDINGTON NEWS** |
| Sat | 27 | British Legion :*Move It* (Live music), 8.45 pm. |

Sat 27 – Sun June 11: Final Judging for Best Kept Village competition.

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| Tue | 30 | DIALABILITY van in Deddington Market Place. |

Reminder: If you are planning a village event and consult the diary editor before you fix the final date, she will be able to advise you whether any other group already has plans for the same day that might draw off your potential support. Of course, if you then register your fixture with her well in advance, she will be able to advise other groups to avoid competition.


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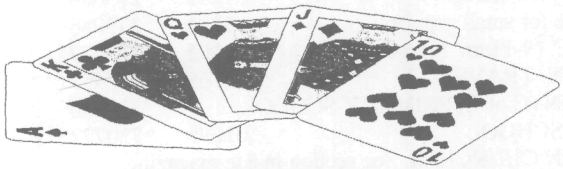

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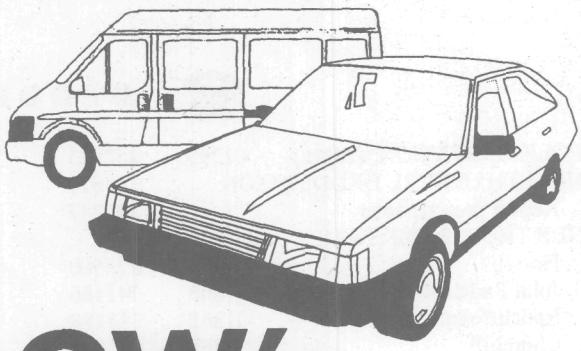

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